

## Family Grammatidae (basslets)

Basslets are small-bodied (up to 10 cm TL), brightly-colored fishes (up to about 10 cm total length) that inhabit coral reefs and rocky ledges. They are closely related to the groupers (Family Serranidae). Characteristic of the group are elongated first rays of the pelvic fins that sometimes extend beyond the end of the anal fin. The basslets are sight-feeders, with large eyes, and typically feed on plankton and ectoparasites from larger fishes. From Randall (1996) and Mooi and Gill (2002).